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SUBJECT: UNESCO 103RD EXBD AGENDA ITEM 4.1 (103 EX/4):

EXAMINATION OF A DOCUMENT ON POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS TO
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN

REF: STATE POSITION PAPER ITEM 4.1, PARA 5

1. US PERMDEL REQUESTS MODIFICATION IN US POSITION AS
OUTLINED IN REF PAPER CONCERNING OPTIONS (A), (B), AND
(C) IN PARA. 42 OF SUBJECT DOCUMENT. TO BE CONSISTENT
WITH US POSITION AT 19TH SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
AND PREVIOUS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PERMDEL AND
UNESCO ADG FOR EDUCATION, PERMDEL REQUESTS US POSITION
ON PARA. 42 BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW US EXBD MEMBER TO SUP-
PORT OPTION (C).

2. BACKHGRND: AT 19TH SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
MANY MEMBER STATES SPOKE IN FAVOR OF US-LIBERIA DR 89
ON VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION (V-T ED). A NUMBER OF
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES EX-
PRESSED DISSATISFACTION THAT V-T ED WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN
EDUCATION COMMISSION. (UNDER OBJECTIVE 4.3 V-T ED WAS
DISCUSSED IN SCIENCE COMMISSION). US LED DRIVE WHICH
RESULTED IN GUIDANCE NOTE FOR DRAFTING OF 20 C/4 BEING
ADOPTED IN BOTH EDUCATION AND SCIENCE COMMISSIONS TO
THE EFFECT THAT BECAUSE OF STRONG SUPPORT VOICED BY SO

MANY MEMBER STATES V-T ED SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE SUB-OBJECTIVE, PREFERABLY IN CHAPTER V (EDUCATION), OR UNDER OBJECTIVE 4.3.

3. DISCUSSION: V-T ED (A SECONDARY- AND LOWER POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION LEVEL PROGRAM) ADMINISTERED IN EDUCATION SECTOR, WAS ORIGINALLY INCLUDED UNDER OBJECTIVE 4.3 BECAUSE IT WAS TIED TO TECHNICAL TRAINING OF ENGINEERS (HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNICAL TRAINING) WHICH IS ADMINISTERED IN SCIENCE SECTOR. THEREFORE, DECISION-MAKING IN V-T ED PROGRAM REQUIRES INTER-SECTORIAL AGREEMENT. BECAUSE OF LOW PRIORITY AFFORDED TO V-T ED BY SCIENCE SECTOR AND CUMBERSOME INTER-SECTORIAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS - V-T ED PROGRAM ONE OF HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF DEVELOPING NATIONS - IS STAGNATING.

4. EDUCATION AND SCIENCE ATTACHES IN PERMDEL HAVE AGREED THAT OPTION (C) IS MOST PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR AN EFFECTIVE UNESCO V-T ED PROGRAM. HEATER (IO/UNESCO) HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO US SUPPORTING OPTION (C).

5. AGENDA ITEM 4.1 SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE 26 SEPT. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED US EXBD MEMBER IN CONSULTATION WITH PERMDEL WILL INTERVENE IN DEBATE IN FAVOR OF OPTION (C). HARLAN
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